OUR Vision: To be the best place in Canada to raise a child, promote innovation, engage citizens and provide diverse economic opportunities.

OUR Mission: WE provide quality public service that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Values: Accountability, Cost Consciousness, Equity, Excellence, Honesty, Innovation, Leadership, Respect and Teamwork

Council Direction:
Not application.

Information:
The rural roadside mowing program controls the growth of grasses, weeds and brush along roadways to provide traffic safety (clear sight lines), optimal ditch performance, and improved visual aesthetics. The current level of service for the roadside mowing program provides for two cutting cycles annually:

- the first cut is performed between May 31 and July 15 each year and services the portion of the road cross section that extends from the edge of the pavement to the centre line of the ditch.
- the second cut is performed between August 30 and October 15 and services the portion of the road cross section between the edge of pavement through to the back slope of the ditch to the extent that is mechanically feasible and safe.

On June 4, 2012, the Public Works Committee discussed municipal grass cutting-service levels and impacts of the cosmetic pesticides ban. In response to discussions at the meeting on the potential for future enhancements to grass cutting service levels, a program enhancement in the amount of $132,000 has been prepared for consideration during the 2013 budget deliberations. The current level of funding is $170,000 for rural roadside mowing. The increased funding would provide for one additional cutting cycle to increase the number of annual mowing cycles to three from the current service level of two; and fund mowing of the back of slope in the first cycle of cutting.
The enhanced service level would address concerns related to a longer growing season, improving aesthetics and drainage performance in roadside ditches.